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NEWS RELEASE

3rd Traffic Fatality of the Year

Date and time: January 26, 2019 at 12:39 p.m.

Location: 7335 Mimosa

Vehicle 1: 2013 Ford Escape

Driver: 89 –year old Jose Manuel Huerta

Pedestrian: 86 –year old Sofia Huerta

Vehicle 2: 2005 Saturn

El Paso, Texas - Special Traffic Investigations officers responded to 7335 Mimosa to assist with the investigation of a fatal collision. The preliminary investigation has revealed that the Huertas, husband and wife, had just returned home when Mrs. Huerta got out of the vehicle and stood in front as Mr. Huerta backed into the driveway. Mr. Huerta repositioned the vehicle and he stepped on the accelerator instead of braking and struck Mrs. Huerta, a fence and a car parked across the street. 86 –year old Sofia Huerta died at the scene. The driver's age is believed to be a factor in the collision.

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